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Speak Out

Be a Good Citizen

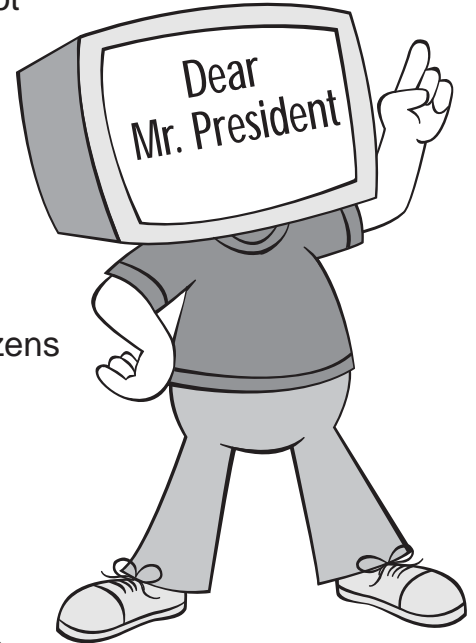
You're a citizen of your country. Good citizens obey the law and tell the truth. They do the right thing—even when others are not looking. Sometimes, good citizens have to have courage to speak out—even if other people disagree.

Tell People What You Think

Adult citizens vote to show what they believe. Kids can't vote. But you can tell the people who are elected what you think about important problems. You can also tell other citizens what you think.

Use the Power of the Internet

The Internet makes it easy to speak out. By expressing your ideas you can help make your country a better place. You can write a letter to the editor of a newspaper. You can also write to elected officials.



E-mail Your Views

Check each step as you complete it.

- ☐ Choose a problem you feel strongly about.
- ☐ Write an offline letter telling what you know about the problem. Then tell what you think can be done to solve it.
- ☐ Visit a Web site that helps people E-mail elected officials or newspapers.
- ☐ Find the E-mail address you want.
- ☐ Enter your message.
- ☐ If private information is needed, get permission from a parent or teacher.
- ☐ Send the message.